

## WASHINGTON

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Washington, Dec. 6, 1867.  
11:30 o'clock P.M.

The Debate on the Impeachment Question.

The impeachment discussion was resumed today by Mr. Boutwell. It having become generally known that this important question was before the House, a large audience filled the galleries. That portion set apart for the use of the representatives of foreign governments was unusually crowded, and a lively interest was visible in the countenances of all present. In the ladies' galleries the wives and daughters of the members, as well as a numerous outpouring of ladies generally, presented a pleasing gathering of the youth, beauty and fashion of the nation's capital. In the gentlemen's galleries the Circassian and the noble sons of Ethiopia mingled in profuse and almost equal numbers. Through the entire length of Mr. Boutwell's extended argument both the floor and the galleries listened with untiring patience. Having consumed one hour and a half in developing his views, Mr. Wilson with great dexterity outmaneuvered a host of others anxious to secure an opportunity to ventilate their ideas, and secured the floor. Mr. Wilson's speech, covering the grounds of the minority report, as well as unraveling the inconsistencies of the speech of Mr. Bentwell, was a masterpiece of that gentleman's efforts in debate. That portion attacking the arguments of Mr. Bentwell was particularly eloquent and logical, and elicited the fixed attention of the House. After a speech of forty minutes Mr. Wilson dropped a huge shell in the radical camp to lay the resolution of the majority on the table, and called the yeas and nays. The scene at this time was one of open consternation on the part of the advocates of impeachment. To avoid this summary disposal of a measure so vital to the reputation of the radical party in the eyes of the country, Mr. Logan moved an adjournment, upon which the yeas and nays were called. The vote on this motion may be considered as an index of the sentiment of the House on impeachment, and stood fifty-four to one hundred and seven. This former effort induced the impeachers to resort to filibustering, which was kept up until twenty minutes past five, when the House adjourned. The question, therefore, if called-to-morrow, will be the motion of Mr. Wilson to lay the resolution of the majority report on the table. During the excitement of an effort to adjourn Mr. Myers, of Pennsylvania, attempted to have a resolution of censure in lieu of the resolution of the majority, but failed. Mr. Schenck, of Ohio, took a prominent part in staying the action of the House. Mr. Schenck, who is chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, is much enraged by some for his determination to increase the confusion by his persistent efforts to block the final disposition of the impeachment question. To-morrow a renewal of the conflict is anticipated. The impeachers are mainly exercised at being cut off from an expression of their views, and particularly an explanation of their votes. Some ask as brief a speech as five minutes' speeches, in hopes of at least putting in a word. They do not relish the idea of voting without stating a few points for so doing. On the other hand, some are anxious to get the floor in the hope of intimidating those republicans who intend to vote against impeachment. It is probable, seeing the hopeless situation of their cause, after a few more exhibitions of parliamentary strategy, that there will be a general hiving down by acquiescing in the adoption of Mr. Wilson's motion. Those who take a common sense view of the matter are earnestly pressing the leaders in the strife to submit and thus hush up the subject, as they see it is all the controversy nothing but dispute in the muddle of the people.

## The House Judiciary Committee.

The Judiciary Committee transacted no business today, owing to the want of a quorum. The members, meeting more interested in the disposition of the impeachment question, by a general acquiescence deferred the consideration of a large amount of business before them. The memorial of certain members of the press relative to the premature publication of the President's Message was made a subject of conversation by those of the committee present, and partook of the general sentiment of the House on the same subject. There seemed to be a universal disposition to enact a rule to govern such cases, by ordering that hereafter any paper guilty of publishing any public papers prior to their presentation shall be debarred from the privilege of the House.

## The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

At a Senatorial caucus held this morning the question of appointing a new Sergeant-at-Arms formed a lively subject of discussion. The present incumbent, Mr. George T. Brown, had claimed for a confirmation in the office advanced by Senator Trumbull, supported by Senators Howard, Yates and Chamberlain. It was contended by Senator Trumbull that there was no tangible ground of complaint against the present officer; that he has always discharged his duties faithfully, and even if it were true, as asserted, that he had accumulated money by the perquisites incidental to his office, it was no ground upon which to base a reason for his removal, considering that such perquisites had been and would be invariably attached to the position. Senator Chamberlain presented the claims of General Burbridge, of Kentucky, for the office. He contended that Mr. Brown had already enjoyed a long lease of the place, and had made sufficient money out of it upon which he might well afford to retire. If the Sergeant-at-Arms was to sit in the Senate chamber during the proceedings to the right of the Chair, his duty was equivalent to that of sheriff in a court of justice; and unless he made his proper appearance the Executive had no means by which to exercise its authority. The present Sergeant-at-Arms had neglected to fulfil his duty, though some years ago it was strictly performed. General Burbridge had achieved a gallant record in the war, and was in every way deserving of the favor which he (Mr. Chamberlain) desired to see the Senate confer upon him. Several other Senators followed on the same side, and the debate was continued with animation until the regular hour arrived for the adjournment of the Senate, when the caucus adjourned without coming to any conclusion. The Senate is about equally divided upon the merits of the two candidates; but it is thought that at the next caucus General Burbridge will be nominated.

## Economic Expenditures.

The House Committee on Appropriations met this morning and considered the Civil Appropriations Department bill. The discussion arrived at it is to cut down all the estimates to the lowest figure.

Lord and Lady Amblerley Presented to the President.

Lord and Lady Amblerley, who have been here nearly a week, and the guests for the past few days of J. V. Pruden, of Boston, were presented this morning at eleven o'clock to the President by Secretary Baird. Mr. Johnson and his daughter Mrs. Parker were received in the Red Room. The presentation was followed by half an hour of pleasant conversation, after which the visitors took their departure. The Hon. Mr. Burbridge, Secretary of Legation for Great Britain, took his official leave at the same time, having retired from the legation, and resuming to sail for Europe in a few days. On Monday Lord and Lady Amblerley will depart for Richmond, and make a tour of visiting before returning to England.

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